This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (original): A method for preserving plant tissue, said method comprising the steps of:

(a) obtaining a dehydrated plant tissue; and

(b) saturating said plant tissue with a saturation mix.

Claim 2 (original): The method of claim 1, said method further comprising the step of:

(a) applying a coating mix to said saturated plant tissue.

Claim 3 (original): The method of claim 2, said step of obtaining a dehydrated plant tissue comprising:

(a) obtaining a fresh-cut plant tissue;

(b) forming said fresh-cut plant tissue; and

(c) dehydrating said fresh-cut plant tissue.

Claim 4 (original): The method of claim 3, wherein said step of dehydrating said fresh cut plant tissue comprises at least one method selected from the group consisting of:

(a) burying dehydrating method;

(b) burying and sealing dehydrating method;

(c) hang-drying dehydrating method;

(d) microwaving dehydrating method;

(e) chemical dehydrating method; and

(f) freeze-drying dehydrating method.

Claim 5 (original): The method of claim 4, further comprising a cleaning step comprising at least one step selected from the group consisting of:

(a) vibrating said plant tissue to remove said dehydrating material;

(b) air-brushing said plant tissue to remove said dehydrating material; and

(c) brushing said plant tissue to remove said dehydrating material.

Claim 6 (original): The method of claim 2, said step of saturating said plant tissue with said saturation mix further comprising the steps of:

(a) draining said saturation mix from said saturated plant tissue; and

(b) drying said saturated plant tissue.

Claim 7 (original): The method of claim 6, said step of coating said plant tissue further comprising the steps of:

(a) applying a coating mix to said saturated plant tissue;

(b) draining said coating mix from said coated plant tissue; and

(c) drying said coated plant tissue.

Claim 8 (original): The method of claim 7, wherein said saturation mix and said coating mix are composed of at least one mix selected from the group consisting of:

(a) solution composed of derivatives of natural rubber;

(b) natural rubber solution;

(c) any solution imparting a rubber like flexibility; and

(d) a silicone styrene elastomer resin mix.

Claim 9 (amended): The method of claim 2~~0~~8, wherein said silicone styrene elastomer resin mix is selected from the group consisting of:

(a) copolymers of dimethylsiloxane and polystyrene;

(b) block copolymers of dimethylsiloxane and polysterene;

(c) copolymers of dimethylsiloxane and polystyrene mixed with a rubber vulcanizing agent;

(d) copolymers of dimethylsiloxane and polystyrene mixed with an antioxidant;

(e) copolymers of dimethylsiloxane and polystyrene mixed with a UV stabilizer;

(f) PLASTI DIP®;

(g) PLASTI DIP® UV STABLE; and

(h) any combination of copolymers of dimethylsiloxane and polystyrene and a rubber vulcanizing agent and an antioxidant and a UV stabilizer and PLASTI DIP® and PLASTI DIP® UV STABLE.

Claim 10 (amended): The method of claim 9, further comprising a step of adding said silicone styrene elastomer resin mix to a solvent, said solvent selected from the group consisting of:

(a) toluene;

(b) xylene;

(c) naphtha;

(d) acetone; and

(e) various combinations of elements of (a)-(d).

Claim 11 (original): The method of claim 2, further comprising:

(a) applying a polishing mix to said coated plant tissue.

Claim 12 (original): The method of claim 11, said step of applying a polishing mix to said coated plant tissue further comprising the steps of:

(a) draining said polished plant tissue; and

(b) drying said polished plant tissue.

Claim 13 (original): The method of claim 12, wherein said polishing mix is composed of at least one polishing mix selected from the group consisting of:

(a) a silicone styrene elastomer resin mix; and

(b) "F-799" PLASTI-DIP®.

Claim 14 (original): A method for preserving plant tissue, said method comprising the steps of:

(a) obtaining a fresh-cut plant tissue;

(b) forming said fresh-cut plant tissue;

(c) dehydrating said formed plant tissue;

(d) cleaning said dehydrated plant tissue;

(e) saturating said cleaned plant tissue with a saturating mix;

(f) coating said saturated plant tissue with a coating mix; and

(g) polishing said coated plant tissue with a polishing mix.

Claims 15-18 (withdrawn):

Claim 19 (new): The method of claim 8, wherein said saturation mix is composed of a silicone styrene elastomer resin mix.

Claim 20 (new): The method of claim 19 wherein said silicone styrene elastomer resin mix comprises one or more copolymers of dimethylsiloxane and polystyrene.

Claim 21 (new): A method for preserving plant tissue, said method comprising the steps of:

(a) obtaining a dehydrated plant tissue;

(b) saturating said plant tissue with a saturation mix;

(c) said saturation mix being composed of a silicone styrene elastomer resin mix; and

(d) said silicone styrene elastomer resin mix comprises one or more copolymers of dimethylsiloxane and polystyrene.

Claim 22 (new): The method of claim 21, said step of saturating said plant tissue with said saturation mix further comprising the steps of:

(a) draining said saturation mix from said saturated plant tissue; and

(b) drying said saturated plant tissue.

Claim 23 (new): The method of claim 22, further comprising the step of applying a coating mix to said saturated plant tissue, said step of applying a coating mix further comprising the steps of:

(a) applying a coating mix to said saturated plant tissue;

(b) draining said coating mix from said coated plant tissue; and

(c) drying said coated plant tissue.

Claim 24 (new): A method for preserving plant tissue, said method comprising the steps of:

(a) obtaining a dehydrated plant tissue;

(b) saturating said plant tissue with a saturation mix, said saturation mix being composed of a silicone styrene elastomer resin mix; and

(c) applying a coating mix to said saturated plant tissue.